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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN,TU

SUBJ: PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE

REF: STATE 74049

1. LOCAL SHIPPING AGENTS AND PORT OFFICIALS CONCEDE ISTANBUL PORT VERY CONGESTED BUT NOTE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED SOMEWHAT IN LAST MONTH COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS. IN PARTICULAR WAITING TIME FOR BERTHS HAS DECREASED AND IS NOW AVERAGING ONE TO TWO DAYS ALTHOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME LARGE NUMBER OF VESSELS ARRIVING IN PORT SAME DAY CAN CAUSE LONGER WAITING PERIOD. CONGESTION DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO INCREASING TONAGE OF IMPORTS (1973) ALMOST DOUBLE 1972) AND INABILITY TO EXPAND FACILITIES. CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS SHORTAGE OF BERTHING, STORAGE SPACE, ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND GANGS TO UNLOAD VESSELS. IN ATTEMPT TO PARTIALLY ALLEVIATE SITUATION AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO IMPROVE BERTHING. BULK CARRIERS NOW ARE REQUIRED TO DISCHARGE CARGO IN LIGHTERS AND PASSENGER SHIPS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO USE OF PASSENGER DOCKS IN KARAKOY.

2. AGENTS FOR U.S. FIRMS (AMERICAN EXPORT AND PRUDENTIAL-GRECE) SAY THAT THROUGH COOPERATION OF PORT OFFICIALS AND THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS, VESSELS ARE BEING UNLOADED SATISFACTORILY AND THEY EXPERIENCING LITTLE IF ANY DELAYS. PRUDENTIAL DISCHARGING CARGO  
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IMMEDIATELY BY LIGHTER AND AMERICAN EXPORT APPARENTLY ABLE TO BERTH

SAME DAY OR AT LATEST DAY AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL CONFERENCES SEVERAL MONTHS AGO  
ESTABLISHED PORT CONGESTION SURCHARGE DUE TO ACUTE SITUATION THEN  
EXISTING IN PORT. PRELIMINARY SURVEY INDICATES CONFERENCE SUR-  
CHARGES AS FOLLOWS: (1) MEDITERRANEAN (AMETILE) 30PCT; CONTINENTAL  
20PCT; AND BRITISH 20PCT.

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